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LONDON FOR AMBASSADOR HUMES

E. O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: KREISKY VIEWS ON MIDDLE EAST

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1. LOCAL MEDIA, INCLUDING SOCIALIST PARTY'S "ARBEITER ZEITUNG", CONTAINED EXCERPTS OF CHANCELLOR KREISKY INTERVIEW CARRIED IN CAIRO'S "AL GUMHARIA" IN WHICH HE PRAISED PRESIDENT SADAT'S COURAGE AND DETERMINATION" AND FORECAST "GRATITUDE OF ENTIRE WORLD SHOULD SADAT'S PEACE EFFORTS BE SUCCESSFUL". IN STRONGEST PUBLIC CRITICISM OF ISRAEL EVER VOICED BY HIM, KREISKY STATED THAT OCTOBER CONFLICT CRETATED NEW SITUATION IN MIDDLE EAST WHEREIN "ISRAELI MILITARISM CANNOT LAST MUCH LONGER" AND "PALESTINIAN PROBLEM CAN ONLY BE SOLVED BY ESTABLISHMENT OF A PALESTINIAN STATE". HE ASSERTED THAT GOLDA MEIR CANNOT INDEFINITELY MAINTAIN HER OPPOSITION TO A PALESTINIAN STATE.

2. UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, KREISKY FELT THE TWO MAJOR
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POWERS MUST TAKE INITIATIVE IN BRINGING ABOUT PEACE IN ME.

SUBSEQUENTLY, EUROPE SHOULD SUPPORT ME PACIFICATION THROUGH
LARGE-SCALE ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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3. COMMENT: KREISKY'S REMARKS REFLECT HIS PERSONAL DISENCHANTMENT
WITH PRIME MINISTER MEIR FOLLOWING THE ARAB TERRORIST ATTACK
LAST SEPTEMBER, THEIR SUBSEQUENT TALKS IN LONDON DURING SOCIALIST
INTERNATIONAL MEETING AND IN BROADER TERMS WHAT HE PERCEIVES
TO BE TOO RIGID AN ISRAELI POSITION ON FUTURE BORDERS AND
PALESTINIAN ISSUE. HIS COMPLIMENTARY REFERENCES TO PRESIDENT
SADAT ARE NO DOUBT SINCERE BUT ALSO USEFUL IN ASSURING THAT AUSTRIA
CONTINUES TO ENJOY STATUS OF BEING FRIENDLY TOWARD ARAB STATES,
PARTICULARLY AS CONCERN ABOUT SUFFICIENT FUEL AVAILABILITY IS
BEING FELT HERE. KREISKY'S EXPRESSED HOPE THAT EUROPE WILL
CONTRIBUTE TO ME ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REFLECTS HIS LONG-HELD
VIEW THAT COLSER EUROPEAN-MIDDLE EAST RELATIONS ARE OF SUCH
IMPORTANCE THAT HE HAD URGED INCLUSION OF SUCH AN ITEM ON
CSCE AGENDA. END CONFIDENTIAL MOWINCKEL

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